

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6207

CNO

INFO SECDEF

USCINCEUR

USMTM DHAHRAN SAUDI ARABIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 828

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y R E F A

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, SA

SUBJECT: PRINCE SULTAN ENQUIRES ABOUT SAUDI NAVAL  
EXPANSION PROGRAM

REF: A. CNO 291914Z JAN 74 (NOTAL); B. JIDDA 694; C. JIDDA 830U

1. AMBASSADOR WAS CALLED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY FEB 18  
TO RECEIVE MESSAGE FROM MODA PRINCE SULTAN URGENTLY  
INQUIRING WHEN NAVY TEAM WITH INFORMATION PROMISED  
IN CONNECTION WITH SNEP WILL ARRIVE.

2. IN REF B WE POINTED OUT THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR  
BEING RAPIDLY RESPONSIVE TO SAUDI REQUESTS IN THE  
MILITARY SPHERE IF WE ARE TO MAINTAIN OUR DOMINANT  
POSITION AS SUPPLIERS AND ADVISORS TO THE SAUDI  
ARMED FORCES. IN REF C WE HAVE PROPOSED AN APPROACH  
TO PRINCE SULTAN TO ADVANCE IMPORTANT U.S. INTERESTS  
IN THE KINGDOM BUT NOTED THAT SUCH AN APPROACH IS NOT  
FEASIBLE UNTIL WE FIRST GIVE HIM OVERDUE ANSWERS TO  
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QUESTIONS HE HAS POSED.

3. PLEASE INFORM US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHEN WE CAN EXPECT THE NAVY TEAM TO ARRIVE WITH INFORMATION ON THE SNEP. IF DELAY OF MORE THAN A FEW DAYS IS FORESEEN, PLEASE GIVE US AN EXPLANATION FOR THE DELAY WHICH WE CAN RELAY TO PRINCE SULTAN.

COMMENT: THE FORMAL NATURE OF SULTAN'S REQUEST, I.E. THROUGH THE FONMIN RATHER THAN DIRECTLY AS IS HIS CUSTOM, STRIKES US AS SYMPTOMATIC OF GROWING IMPATIENCE AT OUR DILATORINESS IN A NUMBER OF DEFENSE RELATED MATTERS.  
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